

Minutes of Meeting  
Health Services Council  
Project Review Committee-II

DATE: 6 August 2009

TIME: 2:30 PM

LOCATION: Conference Room 401  
Department of Health

ATTENDANCE:

Name	Present	Absent	Excused
<b>Committee-II</b>			
Victoria Almeida, Esq. (Vice Chair)			X
Raymond C. Coia, Esq.			X
Joseph L. Dowling, MD	X		
Gary J. Gaube			X
Maria R. Gil		X	
Sen. Catherine E. Graziano, RN, PhD	X		
Robert Hamel, RN	X		
Denise Panichas	X		
Robert Quigley, DC (Chairman)	X		
Reverend David Shire (Secretary)	X		
<b>Committee-I</b>			
Steve Lonardo	X		

Staff: Valentina Adamova, MBA, Michael K. Dexter, MPA, Joseph G. Miller, Esq.

Public: (Attached)

1. Call to Order, Approval of Minutes, Conflict of Interest Forms and Extension for the Minutes Availability

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM. The Chair noted that conflict of interest forms are available to any member who may have a conflict. A motion was made, seconded and passed by a vote of six in favor and none opposed (6-0) that the availability of minutes for this meeting be extended beyond the time frame as provided for under the Open Meetings Act. Those members voting in favor were: Dowling, Graziano, Hamel, Panichas, Quigley, Shire.

2. General Order of Business

The first item on the agenda was the application of **Kent County Memorial Hospital** [Care New England Health Systems] for Certificate of Need to establish an ambulatory surgical center on the hospital campus and add a 10-bed short stay unit.

The applicant discussed the cost of the proposal and noted that the proposal would improve physician satisfaction and includes control/input in the management decision-making process by the physicians. Ms. Panichas requested an organizational/management chart describing such a process.

The applicant noted that the ambulatory surgery center would meet hospital codes and would be constructed in such a way as to permit additional floors.

Sen. Graziano questioned the involvement of the nursing staff in the development of this project.

The Chair requested more detailed schematic plans and noted that the applicant needs to identify which floor of the two story building would house the ambulatory surgical center. The Chair requested that the Committee conduct a site visit to the hospital.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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